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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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SUBJ: BLANTON PEANUT PROJECT  
REF: COTONOU 1843

1. WE UNDERSTAND ROY BLANTON HAD SHORT, INCONCLUSIVE VISIT  
IN COTONOU MID-DECEMBER, HAMPERED BECAUSE MRGD DID NOT HAVE  
PEANUT PROJECT PROPOSAL IN HAND. ASSUME COPY THIS PRO-  
POSAL, HANDCARRIED BY DIES, IS NOW UNDER MRGD REVIEW.  
BLANTON, JR. INFORMS US FATHER WILL PROBABLY BE IN WEST  
AFRICA AGAIN MID-JANUARY, AND WILL VISI\* COTONOU TO ASSESS  
MRGD REACTION HIS PROPOSAL.

2. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT CURRENT  
FEELINGS TAGNON, BABA MOUSSA, AND OTHER RELEVANT MRGD  
OFFICIALS REGARDING BLANTON PROPOSAL, VERSUS RENEWED  
GERMAN INITIATIVES. WE HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION GERMANS  
NO LONGER INTERESTED SEED OIL MILL AND QUESTION DEPTH OF  
THEIR COMMITMENT TO APPARENT REVERSAL. KISSINGER

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